

**ELK GROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, August 19, 2003 – 6:30 p.m.  
EGCSD Administration Building**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Directors present included Gerald Derr, Doug McElroy, Elliot Mulberg, Pat Perez, and Elaine Wright.

General Manager Rita Velasquez, Fire Chief Keith Grueneberg, Administrator of Parks & Recreation David Wigginton, and Administrative Services Director Jeff Ramos were also in attendance.

**A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. President McElroy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Vice President Perez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

1. Chief Grueneberg introduced George Apple, recently hired as a Fire Inspector II for Fire Prevention and Mike Archambault, a mechanic for the Department's Fleet Maintenance Division. Hal Paris introduced Mike Dopson, the new Recreation Supervisor for the Parks & Rec Department's Aquatic Program to the Board.
2. Rita Velasquez presented a plaque of appreciation to the Board from the Elk Grove Piranhas' Vicious Fishes Swim Team, thanking the EGCSD for their support in 2003.
3. With the assistance of Gayle Mooney, President of the Elk Grove Youth Sports Association, the Board congratulated local sports teams with plaques and trophies recognizing their accomplishments in play-offs and state championships.  
  
Ms. Mooney thanked the Board and staff for taking the time to honor the individual teams and for the District's continuous support in working cooperatively with the Elk Grove Youth Sports Association by providing playing fields and facilities for the community's sports groups.
4. Hal Paris, along with Recreation Supervisors Samantha Hardy, Kelly Gonzalez, Kelly Crowder, and Zach Jones gave a Power Point presentation of the different recreation programs offered through the Parks and Rec Department. Highlights of programs offered through the Recreation Division consist of:

Youth Development and Teen Section

Buddy Bunch – for children 18 to 36 months, the program offers parent and child playgroups, which gives parents opportunities to be with other parents who have children of the same age.

Toddler Time – for children 2–3 years olds, the program introduces children to a group setting and socializing.

Tiny Tots – an educational and social based program for children ages 3 to 4 offered at five locations, with a pre-school curriculum that meets the Elk Grove Unified School District's standards.

Kid Central Program – a recreation enrichment program for school-aged children in Kindergarten through sixth grade traditionally 5 to 12 years old. The Kid Central Stations currently located at ten school site offer a before and after school program, and Kid Central Headquarters offers year round day camp programs for children who are off-track from year-round schools or for those on summer break at traditional schools.

Recreation on Campus (ROC) – an after school program for young teens located at Toby Johnson Middle School, which provides a teen center-type environment for students.

Destination Adventure – a summer teen camp where participants travel to different destinations each day.

### Sports and Aquatic Section

Swim lessons – lessons are offered at seven varying levels, focused on promoting physical fitness, socialization, increasing self-esteem, teaching the basic fundamentals of swimming and life saving skills.

Recreation swim – offered Monday through Friday and Saturday and Sunday, and Family Fun Nights offered every other Friday with themes such as the Olympics, Rodeo Fun, and Pirates of the Caribbean.

Pool reservations – offered during mornings and evenings and on weekends for birthday parties and get-togethers.

Junior lifeguard programs – training for pre-teens, teaching them CPR, water safety, life guarding skills, and job placement.

T-ball – consist of 90 teams serving over 900 children, with approximately 300 hundred volunteer coaches.

Flag football – consist of 34 teams serving 350 kids.

Basketball – for ages 3 to 12, the program had more than 600 children attend last summer, where women athletes from Cosumnes River College served as coaches.

Adult Sports – softball, basketball, and volleyball leagues continue to grow in popularity, with the recent addition of soccer and flag football leagues for adults.

### Leisure and Education

Leisure and Education encompasses contracted classes, where 60 contracted instructors offer a wide variety of classes like acting to weight training advertised in the Activity Guide.

Co-sponsored classes – Partnerships with local businesses and organizations provide Elk Grove residents the opportunity to experience specialty type classes (i.e. Elk Grove Community Gardeners and the Master Gardeners will offer gardening classes; Hoe Downers will teach square dancing; Evergreen Stables offers a peewee pony club and teach horse back riding).

Junior Creek Keepers – this program provides an environmental education program for pre-school age children, with monthly-guided creek tours on the first Saturday of every month. The Creek Program includes an Annual Creek Clean-up where volunteers, made up of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and neighbors, come out to help clean up our creeks.

Outdoor Adventures – includes snow skiing, kayaking, hiking, and backpacking trips for individuals who enjoy the great outdoors.

Advisory Committees – the Dog Park Advisory Committee consist of volunteers who monitor the Dog Park conditions, increase community awareness, and make recommendations for new dog park sites. The Partners for Parks Program have over 100 volunteers that monitor and report park conditions to the Park's Maintenance staff which help keep our parks clean, safe and beautiful.

Family Activities – a new program implemented this year to create family togetherness, opportunities to meet other families, learn new experiences, and family fun and adventure. Examples are the father/daughter dances held in February, the mother/daughter tea in October, and this year's first annual Family Community Camp Out.

#### Annual Events

Special Events – each year the CSD sponsors 29 special events. In the last year, over 270 businesses provided \$200,000 in cash and services to CSD special events and programs. An example of a business-sponsored event is the free Summer Concert Series by Apple Computer. Special events rely heavily on volunteers – 29,000 hours of service were donated for parks and recreation activities/events, which equates to approximately \$195,000 in service value.

Operation Clyde – created to insure that all children in the community have the opportunity to participate in CSD programs – 148 people took advantage of the program this past year; annual events such as the Holiday Basket Auction and Comedy Under the Stars serve as fundraisers for Operation Clyde.

Gifts for Tomorrow – a program that provides families an opportunity to remember a special moment or person with the gift of a tree planted at a local park that will last forever. Southeast Lawn Mortuary came on board as a new partner to this program, where families who donate trees will be recognized with their name on a brass leaf on a monument that will be displayed at the Laguna Town Hall.

Marketing – As part of the marketing to create community and promote classes, Activity Guides are distributed three times a year to residents in the 95624 and 95758 zip codes. Elementary school children take home flyers for opportunities for individuals to participate in classes offered and upcoming special events.

Theme Logo – each year, staff works to create a theme as a fun way to encourage people to participate. These logos are printed in all department related materials.

Hot Summer Safety Nights – co-sponsored with the CSD Fire Department and the City of Elk Grove Police Department, the event provides children learning opportunities with regards to safety and summer time activities.

Breakfast with the Bunny – an event that takes place in the spring, where kids can enjoy breakfast with the bunny; co-sponsored by the Pride of Laguna Creek Lions Club, the event serves as a big fundraiser for them.

Breakfast with Santa – an event co-sponsored by Home Town Buffet, where kids are invited to come see Santa and have a delicious breakfast at the same time.

Community Play Day – the event that provides the CSD an opportunity to invite local businesses out to the park to showcase themselves and provides the CSD an opportunity to showcase the programs offered such as sports camps, sports leagues, leisure classes, the dog park, and much more.

Elk Grove Community Harvest Festival – a community festival in every sense of the word where families have an opportunity to get out and enjoy a day at the park picking out pumpkins, taking a hay ride, buying gifts from vendors, as well as give an opportunity for non-profit groups to raise funds for their organizations.

Support Services provides different organizations in town with assistance. Some of the events that the District currently helps with are the Western Festival, the Strauss Festival, and Salute to the Red/White & Blue.

The Board commended staff for the excellent presentation and expressed their appreciation to staff for all their hard work and continuous efforts to strive for excellence to meet the needs of this community.

## **C. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

1. Lou Zimmerle, a resident in Laguna Creek asked the CSD Board to discuss and consider taking a position with regards to the State's Proposition 54 proposed on the October ballot, which basically directs public agencies to not collect any data on ethnicity and gender. He felt it would be a mistake to not collect that data since it could help public entities develop and implement programs that would serve the needs of the community, not programs that are mandated by law or programs mandated by court decrees.

## **D. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. The Board approved the August 5, 2003 regular Board meeting minutes, with an amendment to Item F2, reflecting President McElroy's "No" vote to a) approve Resolution No. 2003-59, ordering, confirming, and levying the FY 2003-04 annual assessment within the boundaries of the District Wide Landscape & Lighting Assessment District and its zones of benefit pursuant to Resolution of Intention No. 2003-29; and b) approve Resolution No. 2003-60, adopting the FY 2003-04 final budget for the District Wide Landscape and Lighting Assessment District. Derr-Wright, unanimous.
2. The Board ratified payment of the July 2003 bills and payroll for the EGCSO; and received and filed the Budget Status Reports for the month of July 2003. Derr-Wright, unanimous.
3. The Board authorized the purchase of registration software as identified in the FY 2003-04 Parks & Recreation Department budget to include a server/workstation, hardware/software, software maintenance, training, and third party hardware, for use at the Parks Department's Main Office, the Barbara Morse Wackford Aquatic/Community Complex, and the Laguna Town Hall; and authorized the General Manager to execute all agreements related to the purchase and implementation of the registration software. Derr-Wright, unanimous.
4. The Board authorized the purchase of a 10-acre park site within the Calvine SPA for \$956,580 to be paid with in-lieu fees; and approved Resolution No. 2003-62, accepting a Grant Deed for parkland dedication in Arcadian Village No. 2, per the Park Fee and Dedication Agreement. Derr-Wright, unanimous.
5. The Board adopted Resolution No. 2003-63, approving a sewer easement with Sacramento County Sanitation District 1 for the construction of a sanitary sewer across District property on East Stock Boulevard (the William Perry Schulze Fire Training Facility site). Derr-Wright, unanimous.
6. The Board adopted Resolution No. 2003-64, granting an easement to Citizens Telecommunications Company of California to locate, construct, and maintain its communication facilities at 9607 Bond Road, within the landscape area of Fire Station 73; and authorized the General Manager to execute all necessary documents. Derr-Wright, unanimous.
7. The Board approved the purchase of the modular building located at 8812 Elk Grove Boulevard from the Elk Grove Education Association (EGEA) at a cost of \$10,000, and authorized the General Manager to execute all necessary documents. Derr-Wright, unanimous.

## **E. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. NONE

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1. NONE

## **G. STAFF REPORTS**

1. The Board approved the debt financing for the Barbara Morse Wackford Aquatic/Community Complex and the Fire Training Facility with Municipal Services Group, authorized the General Manager to execute all necessary documents, and directed staff to review the budget in February 2003 to determine how the CSD can pre-pay that debt service down to the extent that is reasonable. Derr-Wright, McElroy, Perez – yes; Mulberg – no.

## **H. BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUSINESS**

1. The Board adopted the updated District Facilities Rental Policy and Fees, Policy No. 0064, as recommended by staff and Policies & Procedures Committee. Mulberg-Wright, unanimous.
2. Fire Committee – Director Derr – No report.
3. Parks and Recreation Committee – Director McElroy – No report.
4. Budget/Finance/Insurance Committee – Director Perez – No report.
5. Policies & Procedures Committee – Director Mulberg stated the District's Facility Rental Policy and Fees update discussed at their last meeting was approved by the Board earlier tonight.
6. Strategic Planning Committee – Director Wright – No report.
7. Fire Communications Board – President McElroy reported the Board is in the process of finding an Interim Manager for the Communications Center due to the recent resignation of its current Manager.
8. Senior Center Board – Vice President Perez indicated Toby Johnson was the keynote speaker at the Senior Center's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Saturday; the next Board meeting is scheduled for August 26 at 4:00 p.m., with the Board retreat scheduled for August 30 at the Elk Grove Hotel.
9. Sacramento Council of Parks & Recreation – Director Derr – No report.
10. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) – Director Mulberg stated the Laguna West Annexation item will be heard on September 3; and Elliot was nominated to represent special districts at the California LAFCo Conference.
11. Sacramento County Treasury Oversight Committee – Jeff Ramos reported at their August 8 meeting, no exceptions were noted on the June 30, 2003 Non-Pooled Funds Portfolio Report, the June 30, 2003 Pooled Investment Fund, and the June 30, 2003 Standard & Poor's Monitoring Report; all were in compliance with Government Code Section 27133(c); and bank ratings were updated for the Community Reinvestment Program in the Investment Policy of the Pooled Investment Fund.
12. Miscellaneous Reports – No report.

## **I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

1. NONE

## **J. IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING**

1. Director Perez asked staff to research the cost of putting giant flower baskets on light poles in the District and to determine any interest with groups trying to invigorate Elk Grove, as well as the City of Elk Grove.

## **K. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. The Board adjourned to an Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

**L. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A closed session was opened at 8:30 p.m. to discuss the following item:

1. Conference with Property Negotiator – Land Negotiations  
APN: Portion of 132-0020-037 – Poppy Ridge Road (Fire Station 72)  
*(Government Code Section 54956.8)*

**M. REOPEN REGULAR MEETING**

President McElroy reopened the regular Board meeting at 8:25 p.m.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President McElroy adjourned the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita K. Velasquez  
Secretary of the Board